

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Julius Genachowski, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, and Robert Malcolm McDowell, of Virginia, to be a Member, both of the Federal Communications Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for the National Park Service and proposed expenditures under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, after receiving testimony from Daniel N. Wenk, Acting Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

LOUISIANA HURRICANE AND FLOOD PREVENTION STATUS AND PROGRESS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status and progress of New Orleans hurricane and flood prevention and coastal Louisiana restoration, after receiving testimony from Senator Landrieu; Brigadier General Michael Walsh, Commander, Mississippi Valley Division, United States Army Corps of Engineers; Jeffrey Jacobs, National Research Council, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Committee on New Orleans Regional Hurricane Protection Projects; Steven Peyronnin, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, and Robert R. Twilley, Louisiana State University Research and Economic Development, both of Baton Rouge; and Joseph M. Rault, Pump to the River Jefferson/Orleans, and Thomas L. Jackson, Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority, both of Metairie, Louisiana.

CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine climate change legislation, focusing on tax considerations, after receiving testimony from Gary Hufbauer, Peterson Institute for International Economics, and Mark Price, KPMG LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; and Keith G. Butler, Duke Energy Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 962, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to promote an enhanced strategic partnership with Pakistan and its people, with amendments;

S. Res. 182, recognizing the democratic accomplishments of the people of Albania and expressing the hope that the parliamentary elections on June 28, 2009, maintain and improve the transparency and fairness of democracy in Albania;

S. Con. Res. 23, supporting the goals and objectives of the Prague Conference on Holocaust Era Assets;

S. Res. 153, expressing the sense of the Senate on the restitution of or compensation for property seized during the Nazi and Communist eras; and

The nominations of Eric P. Schwartz, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Population, Refugees, and Migration, Andrew J. Shapiro, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs, Ellen O. Tauscher, of California, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Kurt M. Campbell, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Eric P. Goosby, of California, to be Ambassador at Large and Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally, Bonnie D. Jenkins, of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Coordinator for Threat Reduction Programs, and a promotion list in the Foreign Service.

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Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Nancy J. Powell, of Iowa, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Patricia A. Butenis, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, and Christopher William Dell, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine pandemic influenza preparedness and the federal workforce, after receiving testimony from Elaine C. Duke, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management; Nancy H. Kichak, Associate Director for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management; Rear Admiral W. Craig Vanderwagen, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Preparedness and Response; Bernice Steinhardt, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; T.J. Bonner, American Federation of Government Employees AFL-CIO, San